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CITY OF SIMI VALLEY MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT)

REVIEW PERIOD:

September 5, 2008 through October 6, 2008

APPLICANT:

C.A. Rasmussen Company

Simi Valley, CA 93065

CASE PLANNER:

Julia Ramirez

ADDRESS:

2320 Shasta Way

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER:

Cynthia Sabatini

PROJECT DESIGNATION:

PD-S-0997 / TP-S-0650

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project proposal is to construct a 167,417-square foot light industrial park on a 13.1-acre parcel. The project consists of six separate buildings divided into units and ranging in size from 13,500 to 52,749 square feet. It is projected that offices will occupy 25 percent of the square The project includes 514 footage in each building. parking spaces and other paving covering 46 percent of the site, and 24 percent of the site will be landscaped. Roadway widening of West Los Angeles Avenue and the widening and realignment of Quimisa Drive will occur with construction of the project. The project site is currently used as a contractor storage yard, and the parcel is adjacent to the west bank of Alamos Creek, north of

West Los Angeles Avenue.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The northeast corner of West Los Angeles Avenue and

Quimisa Drive.

On the basis of the Initial Study for the project, it has been determined that the project would not have a potential for a significant effect on the environment. This document constitutes a Mitigated Negative Declaration based upon the inclusion of the following measures into the project by the applicant:

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1. Prior to issuance of grading permit, Applicant must provide a copy of a signed contract with a qualified arborist, and the schedule for required tree relocation, preservation and maintenance as described in the project Tree Report dated June 10, 2008, to the Deputy Director/City Planner for approval. The schedule must include a five-year monitoring plan for long-term survivability, and replacement strategy for trees that may not survive the process. Construction drawings must show the fencing for the tree protective zone and include the notes that no objects shall be attached to the preserved trees; materials shall not be used, dumped, or stored under the

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CITY OF SIMI VALLEY PLANNING DIVISION DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INITIAL STUDY

1. Project Title: PD-S-0997 / TP-S-0650

2. Lead Agency Name and Address: City of Simi Valley, 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, CA 93063

3. Contact Person and Phone Number: Cynthia Sabatini (805) 583-6776

4. Project Location: The northeast corner of West Los Angeles Avenue and Quimisa Drive, adjacent to the west bank of Alamos Creek

- 5. Project Sponsor' Name and Address: C.A. Rasmussen Company, 2320 Shasta Way, Unit F. Simi Valley, CA 93065-1800
- 6. General Plan Designation: Light Industrial
- 7. Zoning: GI (SB) (General Industrial, Sexually Oriented Business overlay)
- 8. Description of Project:

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9. Surrounding Land Uses and Setting:

The project site is located on West Los Angeles Avenue in the West End Specific Plan (WESP) area. This general area of the City has historically been the location for heavy industrial uses such as gravel mining and auto wrecking. The WESP area has slowly developed over the past 20 years with commercial and industrial uses, and a portion of the project parcel has been used for contractor's storage for many years. An existing contractor's storage yard is directly across West Los Angeles Avenue to the south, and the City's Sanitation Plant is located across West Los Angeles Avenue to the southwest of the project site. The Alamos Creek drainage runs along the eastern portion of the project site, and an approved RV Storage facility will be located beyond Alamos Creek approximately 350' to the east of the project site. The Southern Pacific Railroad track is immediately adjacent to the north of the project site, and Oak County Park is across Quimisa Drive to the northwest of the site.

Approximately 6.5 acres of the 13.1-acre site is graded dirt and in use as a contractor's storage yard. The Alamos Creek drainage runs adjacent to the eastern boundary of the site before the

creek crosses under West Los Angeles Avenue. State and Federal agencies regard this section of Alamos Creek as a crucial segment of a north-south wildlife movement corridor that could potentially link the Santa Monica Mountains to Los Padres National Forest. Within the property boundaries there is a large stand of very old Coast Live Oak trees mixed with pepper trees, and areas of coastal sage scrub vegetation as well as disturbed areas that contain nonnative scrub and grasses. A small portion of the project site contains an area that is under the jurisdiction of the Army Corps of Engineers and the California Department of Fish and Game.

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement).

US Army Corps of Engineers
California Department of Fish & Game
Ventura County Watershed Protection District
Regional Water Quality Control Board

- 11. Date Deemed Complete/Ready to Process: July 7, 2008
- 12. A site inspection was performed on: June 17, 2008 By: Associate Planner, Cynthia Sabatini
- 13. Are any of the following studies required? ("Yes" or "No" response required)

Yes	Traffic Study
No	Noise Study
Yes	Geotechnical Study
Yes	Hydrology Study
Yes No Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes No	Tree Study and Appraisal (pursuant to Section 9-38 et seq. SVMC)
Yes	Biological Study
Yes	Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species Survey
Yes	Wetlands Delineation Study
Yes	Archaeological Study
No	Historical Study
	Other (List)

14. Location Map

